GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:731
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2002
CONVERSION OF TRACK BETWEEN KULAM AND VASCO-DA-GAMA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether track between Kulam and Vasco-Da-Gama section was to be converted from MG toBG at an estimate cost of Rs. 26.78 crore for which special limited tenders were invited which were later on cancelled and open tenders invited thereafter and the rates of 3 items of earthwork were unjustified as has been brought out by the C&AG in its Report 9 of 2002(Railway);

(b) if so, whether the Government has looked into the matter;

(c) if so, the steps taken to protect the public money being squandered by the officials;

(d) whether the audit has blamed the Railway officials of poor supervision of execution of work for making overpayment of Rs. 0.71 crore; and

(e) if so, the action taken to fix the accountability and responsibility of the officials and to tone up the working of the railway administration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): No additional payment has been made to the contractors. However, in one case, as per the final orders of Hon`ble Supreme Court, payment was made for actual work done. The rest of the cases will be dealt with separately.

(d): The observation of Audit is not factually correct .

(e): Departmental action has already been initiated against the erring officials.